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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kojima et al.

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-5, 8-9, 14-19, and 21-24 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 17-18 are amended to more clearly define the invention, and claims 12-13 and 20 are canceled. Claims 1, 14, and 23-24 are independent.

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